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P. C. Mahanti, a Patna University graduate in economics, has been associated with the Narain Socialist movement since his school days. His career as a journalist began when he joined the United Press of India as a cub report-He then held, in succession, the following jobs:

Sub-editor, The Pioneer, Luchnow.

Staff correspondent, the Eastern Express, Calcutta.

Commentator on International affairs, All-India Radio, Calcutta.

Deputy Editor, Forum, Bombay.

At present Mahanti is a feature writer on the Nation, Calcutta, and is the Calcutta correspondent of the Illustrated Weekly of India, Bombay, Blitz

News Magazine, Bombay, The Indian News Chronicle, Delhi and Thought, a cultural weekly, Delhi. He is expected to become public relations officer of the Express group of Newspapers, the second largest newspaper chain in India. Mahanti is a member of the All-India Journalist Association and of the Bengal Royal Asiatic Society.

Pramoth Sen (aka Charkravarti) is a former school teacher who became a nonpaying member of the Communist Party of India (CPI) in 1936. Since that time he has worked regularly in the propaganda branch of the CPI. He was a secretary of the All-India Feace Congress in Calcutta in November 1949. Sen gave up teaching in 1943 to join the Bengal Potteries, an enterprise owned by M. R. Sarker, the Finance Minister of "est Bengal. However, he wes fired from this concern sometime in January or February 1950, after leading a strike of the pottery workers. At present he teaches at a school in Jagatdal, acts as a correspondent for Crossroads in Calcutta, and contributes to the Nation.

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K. C. De Sarkar, like Pramoth Sen, works on the Nation, where he is chief reporter, and acts as a Calcutta correspondent for Crossroads. Defined as a hard-boiled Communist, Sarkar also does secret publicity for the Communist Party in Calcutta. He is well known as a Communist although he has never been a paid member of the Communist organization. He acquired his newspaper experience at Reuters, the Associated Press and the Free Press Journal in Bombay, and is the holder of a Master of Arts degree from Nagpur University.

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